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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2018-001629
Request No. 1369004
SRO:RNB

VIA: Email

Dear Mr. Best:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning social media monitoring policies, including but not limited to Privacy Impact Assessments. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search.¹

Please be advised that at the time of your appeal the FBI had not yet completed its search for records. In light of these circumstances, it would be premature for this Office to adjudicate the reasonableness of the FBI's search at this stage. Your appeal of the adequacy of the FBI's search is not ripe. Accordingly, there is no adverse determination for this Office to consider on appeal, and I am closing your appeal file in this Office. If you are dissatisfied with the FBI's final response, you may appeal again to this Office.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

3/2/2018

X 

Sean R. O'Neill
Chief, Administrative Appeals Staff
Signed by: OIP

¹ To the extent that you believe the FBI has misinterpreted your request, please contact the FBI directly to clarify the subject of your request.